TMP

TMP

KCHK

SLAM

SOUNDS LIKE THE TARGETS JUST ENTERED THE ROOM.

THREE PEOPLE.

Y-you're not gonna screw me over, right?

All right, gimme the goods.

Your pay comes after.

PROS, FROM THE SOUND OF THEIR FOOT-STEPS.

THEY'RE AVOIDING THE DOOR AND WINDOW.

THE TWO IN THE BACK ARE BIG GUYS.

CONRAD JUST SAT DOWN ON THE SOFA AGAINST THE BACK WALL.

TNK

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TMP

OKAY...

Hm. Yeah, this is the MNG data, all right.

THEY MADE THE DEAL.

WE'RE GOING IN, YURI.

ROGER THAT!

TOMP

TOMP

TOMP

BA

M

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST ON SUSPICION OF ESPIONAGE.

SSS

STATE SECU-RITY SERVICE.

GASP...

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HWAH

DAMMIT!

FWSH

TH WACK

NGH!

I'VE RESERVED OUR FINEST JAIL CELL FOR YOU. MAY I ESCORT YOU TO THE PRECINCT? ☆

TWIST TWIST TWIST

GOOD EVENING, MR. TRAITOROUS TRASH.

EXCELLENT WORK, LIEUTENANT BRIAR.

I HAVE ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU.

RUSTLE

SNAP

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR!

THE REAL OSTANIA: INSIDE THE DEVIL'S REPUBLIC

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The Real Ostania:
Inside the Devil's Republic

A BUNCH OF LIES AND CONSPIRACY-THEORY NONSENSE. VULGAR GARBAGE, ALL OF IT.

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE RECENT SPATE OF BOOKS AND ARTICLES BEING RELEASED IN THE WEST THAT MOCK AND SLANDER OSTANIA?

THIS MAN'S NAME KEEPS POPPING UP AMONG THEIR WRITERS.

TAP TAP TAP

AND A LOT OF THEM ARE PRINTED BY OSTANIAN BLACK MARKET PRESS-ES BEFORE BEING SOLD TO THE WEST.

I WANT YOU TO FOLLOW HIM, SECURE EVIDENCE OF HIS CRIMES, AND FIND OUT WHO'S PAYING HIM TO WRITE THIS TRASH.

FRANKLIN PERKIN, AGE 39.

A NEWSPAPER JOURNALIST DURING THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION, HE WAS ARRESTED AND FOUND GUILTY OF AIDING ANTI-GOVERNMENT EXTREMISTS.

YES, SIR!

I WANT HIM GONE BEFORE IT BEGINS TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION HERE.

THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF MORONS IN THE WEST WHO BELIEVE THE NON-SENSE HE'S PEDDLING.

SELLING OUT HIS OWN COUNTRY JUST TO MAKE A FEW BUCKS...

IT DISGUSTS ME THAT THIS SCUMBAG IS OUT THERE BREATHING THE SAME AIR AS MY BELOVED SISTER!

DON'T WORRY, I CAN HANDLE THIS!

DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE WORKING YURI A LITTLE TOO HARD LATELY?

I'm psyched!

TAK TAK TAK

Observation of Subject J-095: Franklin Perkin

TAK TAK

Subject watches television program *Good Morning Ostania*.

Subject curses at newscaster.

On the 6th, subject wakes at 07:21.

CHAK

SLAM

At 08:10, subject leaves for job at post office.

See appendices for details of his attire.

Subject rides on third car of U-8 train.

See appendices for descriptions of fellow passengers.

FJORD

At 12:06, subject goes to the restaurant Fjord with coworker M and orders lunch set A.

See appendices for log of conversation topics.

At 17:49, subject leaves work and goes to central market.

At 19:33, subject returns home and watches television programs *News 20* and *Berlint in Love*. Subject appears infatuated with the female lead.

No further activites of note before retiring for the night.

TAK TAK TAK

YOU REALLY DUG INTO THE DETAILS ON THIS GUY.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, SIR!

C'MON, THIS IS NOTHING!

And here's the next day's report.

LET SOMEONE TAKE OVER SO YOU CAN REST.

YOU'VE PULLED TWO ALL-NIGHTERS IN A ROW.

I'M NOT. THAT ALWAYS HAPPENS.

YOU'RE TIRED. GO REST.

TWITCH

"ON THE 7TH, AT 08:07, SUBJECT GOES TO WORK. HAS LUNCH AT THE RESTAU-RANT FJORD, AND ORDERS LUNCH SET B..."

TWITCH TWITCH

"YOR."

"FJORD."

MR. PERKIN?!

BAM BAM BAM

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BZZZT

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAID LAST TIME!

CAN'T YOU GIVE ME JUST A FEW MORE DAYS?

ENOUGH DELAYS! YOU NEED TO PAY YOUR BACK RENT, NOW!

OH... IT'S THE LANDLADY.

CHAK

BREAK THAT PROMISE AND YOU'RE OUT, GOT IT?

I'LL PAY UP THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW. I PROMISE!

GREEDY OLD HAG ...

SLAM

I MADE DINNER, SO EAT SOME IF YOU GET HUNGRY.

HEY DAD, I'M GOING OUT FOR A BIT.

EITHER THAT OR...

DOES HE THINK HE'S BEING FOLLOWED?

PEEK

PEEK

OUR COUNTRY NEEDS TO STAND UP TO THESE PROVOCA-TIONS AND RESPOND IN—

Yeah! He's right!

RUSTLE

...I'D SAY HE'S LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT.

CAN'T GET A SINGLE DECENT PICTURE.

DAMMIT!

CLICK

AS FOR FOREIGN POWERS ...

CLICK

CLICK

CLICK

SHF

OH, AWESOME! LEMME PLAY WITH IT!

YAY!

CHECK IT OUT! MY PARENTS BOUGHT ME A BONDMAN REPLICA PISTOL!

HEY!

YAN

K

TMP TMP TMP

NO WAY! IT'S MINE!

C'MON, SHARE!

W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

KRNKL

TOSS

RUSH

MY BONDMAN PISTOL!

CLICK

NOW THAT'S NOT BAD.

STREET URCHINS SO DESPERATE AND HUNGRY THAT THEY'RE SCOURING GARBAGE FOR SCRAPS.

OH?

I'M GONNA RAT YOU OUT TO THE SSS!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, YOU JERK?!

MAYBE YOU SHOULD BE MORE WORRIED THAT YOUR ADHERENCE TO IDEOLOGIES OF THE WEST WILL GET YOU ARRESTED AND KILLED, HM?

SHK

I HEARD YOU MONOPOLIZING THAT PISTOL. SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE A GREEDY HOG WHO REFUSES TO SHARE YOUR WEALTH.

STOP.

TMP

WHY, THAT...

I'll kill him!

SHP

AH HA HA!

...

GRR ...

CLICK CLICK

WAIT UNTIL HE LEADS US TO THE PUBLISHER BUYING HIS CRAP.

TAK TAK TAK

HEH HEH HEH.

TAK

OH MAN, THIS ARTICLE IS GONNA BE A HOOT.

HA HA HA!

TAK TAK TAK

OF...OF COURSE NOT! LEAVE ME ALONE!

YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING DANGEROUS, ARE YOU?

WOBL WOBL

HEY, FRANK ...

...

YOU'D STILL HAVE THAT NEWSPAPER JOB IF YOU HADN'T INSISTED ON TAKING SOME ODD STAND FOR WHAT YOU THOUGHT WAS RIGHT.

WHAT IS SO WRONG ABOUT THAT?

I JUST WANT TO MAKE THIS COUNTRY A BETTER PLACE FOR OUR FAMILY TO LIVE!

...STILL COSTS MONEY?!

...THAT EVEN LIVING AS MEAGER A LIFE AS THIS...

DO I NEED TO REMIND YOU...

IF WE HAD MORE MONEY, THEN MAYBE MOM WOULD'VE ...

AH, NEVER MIND.

FORGET IT.

CUT TO

TMP TMP TMP

Is Perkin motivated by concern for his family?

TAK TAK

CRUMPLE

RRR-P

On the 11th at 08:36, subject leaves for work.

TAK TAK TAK

DOES THAT MEAN...

TURN

BEEP BEEP!

CHATTER

THERE'S BEEN NO SIGN OF ATTEMPTED CONTACT WITH PUBLISHERS FROM HIS HOME OR DURING HIS DAILY OUTINGS.

POST OFFICE

...HE DOES IT AT WORK?

I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.

THMP

THIS LOAD OF MAIL'S BEEN SCREENED BY THE MONITORS AND IS READY TO GO.

RATTLE

WHAT TO EAT ...?

RATTLE RATTLE

GREAT! THANKS! ♪

WHY DON'T YOU LET ME HANDLE THAT ONE, JOSEPH? GO AHEAD AND TAKE YOUR LUNCH EARLY.

SO HE'S BEEN SENDING OUT MANUSCRIPTS BY SLIPPING THEM INTO MAIL CLEARED BY THE POSTAL MONITORS.

GONK GONK

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FW

SEND THAT...

...AND YOUR FATE IS SEALED.

FMP

On the 15th
at 08:02.

TAK TAK

MM.

I'M OFF TO WORK.

THE STATE... SECURITY SERVICE...

I MIGHT NOT BE BACK FOR A WHILE...

SORRY, DAD.

TMP TMP

I BELIEVE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WROTE THIS.

FRANKLIN PERKIN.

DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.

I SAW NO REASON FOR YOUR FAMILY TO WITNESS YOUR DISGRACE.

KLNK

...SO DON'T DENY IT.

WE'VE ALREADY ARRESTED THE PUBLISHER IT WAS ADDRESSED TO...

Heh

I NEVER KNEW SSS OFFICERS COULD BE SO KIND.

I APPRECIATE YOU WAITING OUTSIDE FOR ME LIKE THIS.

WHICH OF US IS THE TRUE DISGRACE HERE?

THE MAN WHO FIGHTS AGAINST TYRANNY, OR THE MAN WHO SERVES AS ITS LAPDOG ...

CLACK

HMPH.

...I WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING TO CAUSE MY SISTER PAIN.

EVER.

UNLIKE YOU...

...

I'LL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR YOUR FATHER TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

SHA AA A

THANK YOU...

HEY, YURI!

PAT PAT PAT

DIRECTOR, SIR! I'M HONORED!

YOU'VE REALLY BEEN MAKING A NAME FOR YOURSELF. I'M PROUD OF YOU, MY BOY!

NO, SIR.

Ha ha ha!

YOU SURE THE STRESS ISN'T CATCHING UP WITH YOU?

YOU'VE BEEN WORKING SOME LONG HOURS FOR A NEW RECRUIT.

I'M GONNA KEEP FIGHTING TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY AND CAPTURE TWILIGHT HIMSELF ONE OF THESE DAYS!

ARE YOU NOW?

THAT'D BE REAL SWELL.

GRIN

THIS IS THE PERFECT JOB FOR ME!

REALLY?! BECAUSE I'M GOING TO HOLD YOU TO THAT, SIR!

Yesss!

HOW ABOUT I TAKE YOU OUT FOR A NICE STEAK DINNER ONE OF THESE NIGHTS?

COM-ING!

BZZZZT

GOOD EVENING, YURI.

IS SOMETHING WRONG? IT'S SO LATE!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE, LOID FORGER? HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF WORKING NIGHTS?

UNCLE!

YURI?!

SLAM

HIYA, YOR!

Thought I'd drop by!

...I JUST WANTED TO SEE MY BELOVED SISTER'S FACE.

I GUESS ...

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PAT PAT

PAT PAT

WHAT DO YOU WANT, CHIHUAHUA GIRL?

I'LL PUT ON SOME TEA FOR US, OKAY?

I'M SO PROUD OF YOU FOR WORKING SO HARD.

YURI! YOU'RE GOING TO DISTURB THE NEIGHBORS!

BLURP

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YOR-RRR!
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